

Kappa Sig To Face CLC Again

Fire Alarm Prompts Third Appearance

By Frank Dabek and Mike Hall
STAFF REPORTERS

Kappa Sigma will appear before the Cambridge Licensing Commission for the third time in two years tonight in response to a false fire alarm at its Memorial Drive house on January 23.

Campus Police and the Cambridge Fire Department reported that, upon entry, Kappa Sig's first floor was found "destroyed with food, furniture thrown about, and [a] cloud of flour smoke" that triggered the alarm.

Executive Director of the CLC Richard V. Scali characterized the Kappa Sig incident as an "underclassman prank" and said that the board regards such fire safety violations as serious issues.

"It's the same ones over and over," Scali said. "A few [fraternities] make the rest look bad."

Action by the CLC occurs in two stages. The CLC hears evidence on Tuesday, then votes on Thursday regarding possible action. Scali said that the Commission probably will recommend "progressive action," possibly including an increased suspension and a revoked license.

Kappa Sig blames clutter on IAP

Christopher J. Peikert '00, Kappa Sig president, said that a fire extinguisher was pulled, causing the

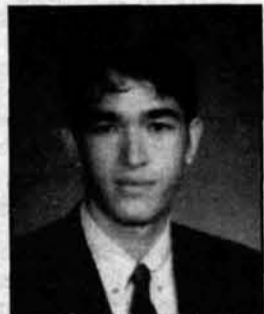
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Former Student Dies in Fall from Roof

By Dana Levine
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Former MIT student Chris Millard fell to his death from the roof of Phi Beta Epsilon in an apparent suicide. Millard was pronounced dead at Massachusetts General Hospital after the fall Friday night. He was 24 years old.

Millard, who lived at PBE although he did not attend classes, had worked at a Boston Internet startup firm. He recently quit his job in Boston and had planned to move back home to California in a few days, said Dharmesh Mehta '00, a PBE brother.



COURTESY OF PHI BETA EPSILON
Christopher Millard

Although the MIT Campus Police log described the incident as a suicide, the Campus Police would release no further information. The Cambridge Police Department has not yet concluded its investigation.

"There's no questioning that in any way [the incident was a suicide]," Mehta said. PBE brothers have stated that Millard was not intoxicated and that no organized event was taking place on Friday night.

Most of the brothers were away for spring break at the time, and there were no witnesses to the fall.

Mehta described Millard as being "really athletic," and stated that he played nearly every intramural sport for which PBE fielded a team.

However, Mehta also characterized Millard as having "had his share of hard times." Millard was laid up for a long period by a severe back injury.

Millard eventually recovered fully and resumed playing sports for PBE's IM teams, "He really toughed it out," Mehta said.

PBE brothers said that they were not aware that Millard had any emotional problems prior to his death. "He really did what made him happy. Some days he would decide that he wanted to play sports, and he would play sports. Some days he would decide that he

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Phi Beta Epsilon
TECH FILE PHOTO

Pilots Explore Residential Advising

By Naveen Sunkavally
NEWS EDITOR

In preparation for the 2002 housing decision, two pilot programs next fall at McCormick and Random Hall will explore residence-based advising for freshmen.

In McCormick, freshmen will live with other freshmen who are in the same freshman advising seminars. Eight associate advisors for those seminars will also live in the dorm.

The pilot at Random will place three associate advisors in the dorm, although they will not necessarily be affiliated with the freshmen living there.

Elizabeth Cogliano Young, assistant dean for student academic programs, said that the pilots are meant to build freshman-advisor relationships and increase interaction with faculty.

"We want to integrate residential communities and first-year advising," said Ricky A. Gresh, coordinator of fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups.

In the McCormick pilot, faculty will also have grants available for residential programming, Gresh said.

McCormick will retain control

Last year, McCormick received

about 75 freshmen and was heavily oversubscribed. Next fall, Gresh expects that about 60-65 freshmen will live there and participate in the pilot program.

How the students will be chosen and where they will live along with their associate advisors will be left up to the halls in the pilot program. "We asked [the halls] rather than trying to force it upon them," Young said.

"It's a really good opportunity ... and to our advantage to be able to design our own program," said McCormick Hall President Ruchi Shrivastava '01. None of the logistics for how freshmen will be selected and where they will live has been worked out yet, she said.

Young said that the associate advisors who will live at Random and McCormick will be chosen in about three weeks through a process involving essays and interviews.

Freshman seminars for the McCormick pilot may or may not take place within the dorm, Gresh said. "It really depends on the nature of the seminar."

Size decides pilot dorms

McCormick and Random were chosen as the sites for the pilots mainly because of their size, Young said.

Random Hall contains approximately 200 students, of which about 30 are freshmen. This program will allow Random to have three associate advisors and three graduate resident tutors.

With 50-100 people, McCormick's size also fell within the ideal range for having the pilot, Young said. Also, McCormick has the lowest turnover rate of students.

In addition, "using McCormick minimizes the impact on FSILG rush," Gresh said.

UA Hopefuls Discuss Platforms

By Anna K. Benefiel
STAFF REPORTER

Four well-matched teams along with an increase in political awareness in the student body



promise to make this UA election more hotly contested than any other in Institutional memory.

Over the course of four half-hour long interviews, *The Tech* had the opportunity to get a feel for the goals of the four teams running for office.

Administration influence key

The major issues in this campaign appear to be the lack of student participation in the UA and the absence of effective communication between MIT's administration and the student body. Concrete plans to address these issues are part idealistic, part realistic, but each team has developed a sense of what action they would like to take while in office.

Outgoing UA President Matthew L. McGann '00 said that the next UA should consider focusing more on "tangible benefits for the student body" rather than "working our asses off on a lot of good policy stuff that is more impalpable." McGann suggested that the next UA President should have put forth a lot of effort on the implementation of the new residence and housing system.

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GREG KUHNEN—THE TECH

Activists march to the Hynes Convention Center on Sunday afternoon to protest a biotechnology conference and raise awareness of the issues of genetic engineering. See story Page 9.



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Albanian Militia Retains Arms Despite Pledge

THE WASHINGTON POST

GNJILANE, YUGOSLAVIA

An ethnic Albanian militia group whose leaders agreed in the presence of U.S. diplomats last week to end an insurgency in southern Serbia has taken no steps to live up to its pledge, according to U.S. and Kosovo officials.

Elements within the organization — the Liberation Army of Presevo, Medvedja and Bujanovac, which is composed largely of former Kosovo Liberation Army members — seem determined to continue their challenge to Serbian security forces in the Presevo Valley, a predominantly ethnic Albanian-populated area of southern Serbia just outside the U.S.-patrolled zone of eastern Kosovo, the officials said.

Despite the agreement last Thursday, these militiamen have continued to wear uniforms and conduct training exercises with AK-47 assault rifles in and around the village of Dubrosin, which lies in a neutral zone between U.S. forces in Kosovo and Yugoslav forces in Serbia proper. In addition, some members of the militia group have continued to cross back and forth between the U.S.-patrolled area of Kosovo and the neutral zone, where they undergo military training.

Court Rejects Challenge to Welfare Reform Act

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

The Supreme Court rejected a challenge to the 1996 Welfare Reform Act that eliminated food stamps and other benefits for legal immigrants, spurning arguments that the federal government breached the Constitution and endangered the lives of some of the nation's neediest people.

The justices, without comment, denied on Monday an appeal by the city of Chicago and a group of immigrants focused on a provision of the historic welfare law that abolished food stamps, disability benefits and other federal assistance for immigrants who were living legally in the United States but were not citizens.

Congress, seeking to reduce the welfare rolls nationwide, said the new rules would foster self-reliance and remove an incentive for illegal aliens to cross the border to obtain benefits. But municipalities and advocates for the poor contend the provision has left numerous families hungry and vulnerable, imposing new financial burdens on states and cities.

According to Department of Agriculture figures submitted in the case, for example, 570,000 needy permanent residents were ineligible for food stamps last year because they were not citizens.

Cuban Boy's Relatives Agree to Speedy Appeals Process

LOS ANGELES TIMES

MIAMI

Relatives of 6-year-old castaway Elian Gonzalez partially bowed to a Justice Department ultimatum Monday, agreeing to a speedy appeals process that could see the boy returned to his father in Cuba within a few weeks.

But on a day when family members here also took their case for keeping Elian to network television, the Justice Department angrily concluded that they had failed to meet a second demand: commit to surrendering the boy to U.S. authorities for deportation if they lose the appeal.

Without such a pledge, a Justice Department official said, federal authorities will summon Elian's relatives to discuss his future on Tuesday. His status in the United States could change as early as Thursday.

Election Behind Him, Putin Gets Back to Usual Business

By Robyn Dixon

LOS ANGELES TIMES

MOSCOW

Between congratulatory phone calls from world leaders and a fat bouquet of red roses from his ministers, Russia's President-elect Vladimir V. Putin went back to business as usual Monday, ordering the government to finalize a strategy for the country's future and make sure all back wages were paid.

After winning power in Sunday's presidential elections, one of Putin's first tasks is to choose his governing team, although the new Cabinet will not be named until after his inauguration, to be held between May 5 and 8.

Because Putin's pre-election program was sparse on detail and at times contradictory, his personnel changes will be scrutinized for signs of his approach to power: whether he plans to rein in Russia's powerful oligarchs, for example, and how serious he is about clamping down on corruption.

Before a meeting Monday morning, the Cabinet presented Putin with flowers and a decorative egg topped with a golden crown to symbolize his power.

Putin himself remained curt and

low-key, calling on the government to get to work on its strategy, the Itar-Tass news agency reported.

"This is needed so that we can present to society a philosophy and a program for the country's development at the same time as the formation of a new government," Putin said.

He underscored the importance of the economy, saying that Russia's economic indicators and tax revenues were in better shape than expected.

But with the economic improvement mainly due to higher oil prices and the effects of the devalued ruble, Putin has to address the underlying weaknesses in the economy, including widespread tax evasion, capital flight and inadequate bankruptcy laws.

He spent part of the day speaking to foreign leaders on the phone, including President Clinton and British Prime Minister Tony Blair.

Foreign Minister Igor S. Ivanov told reporters there would be adjustments to Russia's foreign policy to take into account global changes and Russia's security doctrine. Under Russia's new security doctrine, initiated 18 months ago and confirmed in January, Russia has

elevated the role of nuclear weapons in its national security.

But Ivanov did not spell out what shifts were planned, and analysts predicted minimal changes.

Sergei A. Markov, director of the Institute for Political Studies, said Russia, still dependent in the West for loans and aid, wanted good relations.

"Putin does not want a hostile environment; he does not need it. He needs some time to find his feet as president. And for that, he must minimize the number of sore points, including a growing confrontation with the West," Markov said.

Leonid A. Radzikhovsky, political analyst with the Segodnya newspaper, said Putin's willingness to take on Russia's powerful oligarchs would be evident in his new Cabinet. Several key ministers in the present government are linked to the oligarchs, including Finance Minister Mikhail M. Kasyanov. Kasyanov is regarded as a possible prime minister under Putin. Another possibility would be Railways Minister Nikolai Y. Aksyonenko.

"A sure sign that the oligarchs are still alive and kicking would be if Putin leaves all these officials in place," Radzikhovsky said.

In Holy Land, Pope Impressed Officials of All Sides, Religions

By Lee Hockstader

THE WASHINGTON POST

JERUSALEM

Having addressed his message of contrition to God and tucked it into a crevice in the Western Wall, Pope John Paul II shuffled wordlessly away. He'd said his piece.

But Israeli officials were taking no chances. Before the page of Vatican stationery could be swept up by a breeze or purloined by media crews, they snatched it from the Wall and dispatched it to Yad Vashem, the Jewish state's main Holocaust memorial.

There it will be displayed as tangible evidence of the pope's plea for "genuine brotherhood with the people of the covenant," and of a visit that transformed ties between the

world's Roman Catholics and the people he calls their "elder brothers," the Jews.

In six breathtaking days in the Holy Land, Pope John Paul II not only stayed on message — a plea for reconciliation, co-existence and peace in a turbulent region. He also effected a tectonic shift in interfaith relations between Catholics and Jews, won the hearts and minds of all but a few Israelis and gave a boost to Palestinians and the demoralized local Christian community.

Jews who had rarely if ever given the pontiff or his church a second thought were suddenly noticing the white-robed figure among them, and watching as he departed from the script and walked across Yad Vashem's Hall of

Remembrance to clasp the hands of six Holocaust survivors.

Muslims whose main point of reference for the Roman Catholic Church was its role as sponsor and inspiration of the brutality of the crusaders were now given a new image of the church to contemplate: a Christian religious leader humble or politic enough to sit in silent contemplation as a muezzin's call to prayer interrupted his Mass in Palestinian-ruled Bethlehem's Manger Square.

If the substance of the pope's dozen speeches and homilies broke little new ground, that was hardly the point. More important was that he said it here, and for the first time he seized the attention of Jews and Muslims on their home turf.

WEATHER

April Showers, Early

By Greg Lawson

STAFF METEOROLOGIST

Spring is officially here now, though we've sensed her precociousness these past several weeks. Well, the above-average-temperatures cadence will beat-on this week, in spite of the heavy rain we'll experience today. Today's storm is the product of a well-formed, well-positioned, very strong upper-level cut-off low interacting with a healthy surface low. Basically, the two lows have their peak amplitudes out of phase by ninety degrees with the upper-level low being west of the surface low. This "westward tilt with height", as it's called, will allow a brief period where the two lows will actually mutually amplify each other, each by giving (via transport from its counter-clockwise flow) the other more of what it needs for growth. This mutual interaction is predicted theoretically in our simplest conceptual models of how disturbances grow in the atmosphere, and today we are witnessing a pretty good testament to its existence in nature. As the disturbances grow, their pressure anomalies will deepen and their associated winds will increase. A wind advisory has actually been issued for the local counties. Look for strong winds, heavy rain, and the potential for thunderstorms. The storm should pass out by nightfall leaving us with our accustomed partly cloudy, springy weather.

Today: Rain with strong winds. Slight chance of thunderstorms. Rains ending and winds slowing by nightfall. High of 54°F (12°C).

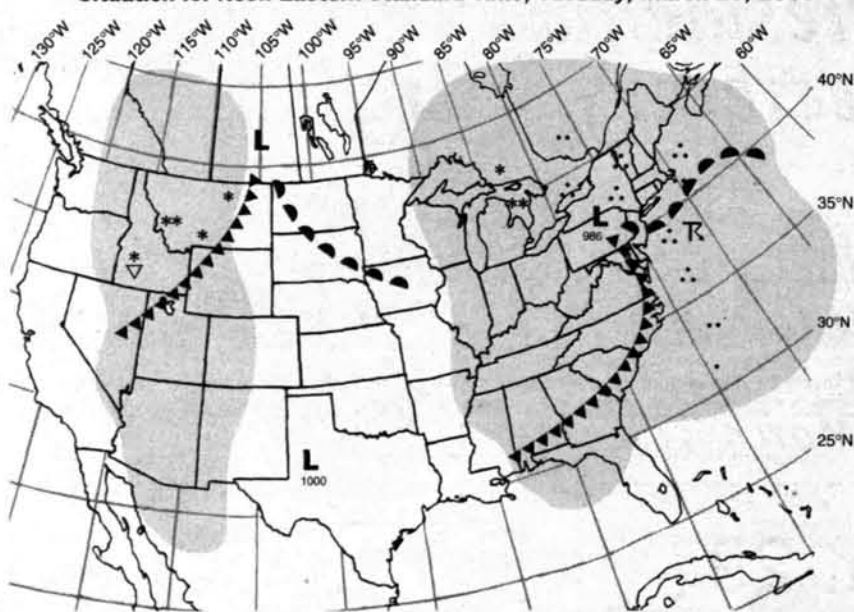
Tonight: Breezy and cool. Partly to mostly cloudy. Low of 41°F (5°C).

Wednesday: Windy and mild. Scattered clouds. High of 57°F (14°C). Low of 40°F (4°C).

Thursday: Lighter winds. Mild. Partly cloudy. High of 58°F (14°C). Low in the low 40s (4 to 6°C).

Friday and Beyond: More of the same.

Situation for Noon Eastern Standard Time, Tuesday, March 28, 2000



Weather Systems	Weather Fronts	Precipitation Symbols	Other Symbols
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L Low Pressure	--- Warm Front	Light	Thunderstorm
S Hurricane	--- Cold Front	Moderate	Haze
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Clinton Administration Focuses On Palestinians in Peace Talks

By Charles Babington and Howard Schneider
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

Having failed to prod President Hafez Assad to soften his stand on negotiations with Israel, the Clinton administration will return the focus of Middle East peacemaking to the Palestinians in an attempt to bring new pressure on the Syrian leader, White House officials said Monday.

The goal, they said, is to isolate Assad and persuade him to be more accommodating with Israel on the main issues under negotiation — such as the extent of Golan Heights land to be returned to Syria in a peace agreement and new arrangements for Israel to guarantee its security by monitoring Syrian military movements and communications.

Administration officials declined

to discuss details of Clinton's three-hour meeting with Assad in Geneva Sunday, after which the White House said it was impossible to predict when high-level talks between Syria and Israel might resume. They said, however, that the Syrian president's reluctance involves substantive issues rather than more manageable matters, such as a timetable for negotiations or specific actions, sometimes called the "sequencing" question.

"It's not just a matter of sequencing," said a senior administration official. "These are substantive issues. ... It's not obvious that those differences can be bridged."

Now, as Clinton prepares to meet here Tuesday with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and the U.S. and Israeli focus shifts to the Palestinian talks, the official said, "It's important that the Syrians

reflect on what they heard." He said Clinton did not offer his own plan in Geneva but described numerous conversations he has had with Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak regarding his country's concerns.

Another top White House aide who was in Geneva said Assad "is being very hard-line." John D. Podesta, the White House chief of a staff, refused to detail the sticking points in the Syrian-Israeli negotiations. He said in an interview, however, that the discussions "were full and specific," suggesting Clinton and Assad covered such issues as where to draw boundaries if and when Syria regains control of the Golan Heights territory.

Meanwhile, Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Charaa complained that Clinton mainly repeated Israel's previous positions and sought flexibility from Assad to fulfill them.

Gore Feels That His Past Errors Shouldn't Mar Campaign Reform

By Jonathan Weisman
THE BALTIMORE SUN

WASHINGTON

Acknowledging that his own fund-raising excesses had rendered him "an imperfect messenger" for the cause of campaign reform, Vice President Al Gore proposed an ambitious package of measures Monday to sever the link between big-money campaign donors and the politicians they seek to influence with their cash.

In a speech laced with references to abuses during the 1996 White House campaign, Gore called for a ban on unregulated "soft money," new disclosure requirements for Washington lobbyists, free television time for federal candidates, and the creation of a \$7.1 billion endowment that would finance congress-

sional candidates who forsake private donations.

Together, the package would be "nothing less than the most sweeping campaign-finance reform in history," Gore told an audience at Marquette University in Milwaukee.

In going well beyond his earlier campaign funding proposals, the vice president also amplified his contrition for the events of 1996, when he attended a much-ridiculed fund-raiser at a Southern California Buddhist temple and made more than 50 solicitations for campaign money on a White House telephone.

"Democrats, along with Republicans, engaged in fund raising that pushed the system to the breaking point," Gore acknowledged. "I have the scars to prove it. And I know I may be an imperfect messenger for

this cause, but the real wounds will be to our democracy itself unless we address this problem."

Gore vowed to make legislation to ban soft money — the large, unregulated donations made to political parties — the first domestic priority of his presidency. Such a ban has been championed by Sen. John McCain, and Gore mentioned the Arizona Republican's name repeatedly Monday, seeking McCain's mantle of reform.

McCain responded skeptically, saying he welcomed "any good-faith proposal to reform our broken campaign-finance system."

Gov. George W. Bush of Texas, the putative Republican White House nominee, accused Gore of hiding information about his role in the 1996 fund-raising scandals.

DaimlerChrysler to Buy 34 Percent Stake in Mitsubishi

LOS ANGELES TIMES

BERLIN

DaimlerChrysler's announcement Monday that it will buy a 34 percent stake in Mitsubishi Motors Corp. gives the German-American company a fighting chance to meet goals of controlling 25 percent of the fast-growing Asian market as well as demands in Europe and the United States for cars that are more fuel-efficient and less polluting.

For the auto giant that was created in 1998 by fusing Daimler and Chrysler Corp., the effective takeover of the debt-ridden Japanese company would fill in the blanks of a global development strategy while allowing the combined company to stay focused on its signature product: the glamorous but gas-guzzling Mercedes-Benz.

The \$2 billion acquisition would give DaimlerChrysler the small-car expertise it needs to produce automobiles that can meet tougher environmental standards that will come into force this decade in the European Union. DaimlerChrysler, which would become the world's No. 3 auto group behind American giants General Motors Corp. and Ford Motor Co., also expects to take advantage of Mitsubishi experience and platforms to expand its ultra-compact Smart car lineup on the Continent.

"With the giant footprint of this group in the worldwide automotive market, we're now where we always wanted to be," DaimlerChrysler Chairman Juergen Schrempf said after announcing the deal, which is subject to shareholder and regulatory approval.

Senate Debates Flag Amendment Again

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

The Senate opened its latest politically charged debate over a proposed constitutional amendment empowering Congress to protect the American flag from desecration on Monday, with amendment supporters still facing an uphill fight.

Key senators said sponsors of the proposal appear to be a couple of votes short of the two-thirds majority required for the Senate to join the House in approving the amendment and submitting it to the states for ratification.

But the debate coincided with a Washington conference of the American Legion, one of the amendment's principal backers, and some Senate supporters said a switch of one or two votes was possible.

The House last year approved the amendment by a larger than two-thirds majority. But the Senate has failed in three attempts to pass it, most recently in 1995, when the amendment fell three votes short. It appeared to have enough votes last year until two Democrats agreed to support an alternative that would seek to protect the flag by statute rather than constitutional amendment.

Last year, Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., and other senators who opposed tampering with the First Amendment proposed a statute prescribing penalties for flag destruction that they said would pass constitutional muster. Sens. Kent Conrad and Byron L. Dorgan, both North Dakota Democrats, joined the effort, depriving the pro-amendment forces of their anticipated two-thirds majority.



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Columnists: 'Seek the Truth'

I just wanted to thank you for printing Richard Stone's column ["The Fiction of Social Justice," Mar. 14]. Stone pointed out things that I have been meaning to write to you about, when various of your columnists write diatribes wracked with reckless hyperbole and outright fabrications, fabrications that play on the misconceptions perpetuated by single-minded fanatics who ignore reality to present a dark pessimistic world consistent with their aims to fix what doesn't necessarily need to be fixed.

Okay, it's not that bad. But it is common enough to see columns filled not with facts, but with popular misconceptions about just how bad the world is. Stone accurately hits the mark; people in their zeal for a particular cause often accept so-called "facts" that are based on fears, rather than the truth. The evil corporations are not destroying all our forests; they are replanting as much as they cut down. And foreign multi-nationals do not necessarily exploit native populations. No one forces them to work. They choose to work there. Work for pennies an hour may sound inhuman to you, but it is better than what they had before, as demonstrated by their choice to be there. By denying them even that, you damn them to even greater poverty.

I'm not saying that all of these issues are cut and dried. I give credit to John Reed for writing the only piece against the World Trade Organization ["The WTO vs History," Feb. 11] that did not rely on visions of doom and gloom based on popular misconceptions and union propaganda. He did a good job of making me reconsider my opinions.

I commend *The Tech* for printing columns by the likes of Richard Stone or John Reed, and I encourage your columnists to seek out the truth, even when it does not fit their argument or their idealized pessimistic view of the world. As Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "A foolish consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds" — words I live by.

Ben Ho G

'Bigot' Bob Jones Still May Speak

How exactly do you propose stopping Bob Jones from speaking ["Bob Jones's True Colors," Mar. 14]? He has the right to express his views, and you have the right to disagree. Fortunately, no one can stop him from speaking. You would do more credit to the righteousness of your opinions by emphasizing that no one forces students to attend that university, and no one forced George W. Bush to speak there. Don't you just hate bigots?

Alvin W. Lyckman
Postdoctoral Fellow,
Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences

Dorm Delay Offers a 'Glimmer of Hope'

(The Tech received a copy of this letter, sent to the Founders' Group.)

After all the controversy and craziness surrounding the freshmen on campus ultimatum, the administration's decision to postpone it until the new dorm is built is a breath of fresh air: it's the first reasonable and realistic decision we've seen regarding student life in the past three years.

It gives us a chance to slow down the transition from a residence system that we know works to a "community" that may not — one which will destroy the unique communities that have grown here from the bottom up over the years.

But more importantly, it gives us a few more years with the greatest residence system anywhere. Students don't want to see freshmen on campus. The system we're so wantonly throwing away has the highest student satisfaction rates in the country.

I read in a recent issue of *The Tech* that the postponement of the new dorm was "a disappointment, particularly for the members of the founder's group."

I implore you not to be driven by this disappointment and not to push the new dorm to be built any faster than it must be. If this dorm is pushed through at anywhere near its current breakneck pace, it will only hurt the students you represent.

Instead, view this as the wonderful opportunity that it is. It's an opportunity for a few more years of students to choose their residences. It's a chance to make the cataclysmic shift between residence systems at a saner pace. And it gives the mass of students, whose ideas and concerns have been repeatedly ignored and tossed aside, the faintest glimmer of hope that maybe, just maybe, the administration won't run the Institute into the ground just yet.

Darius Jazayeri '00

Tech's Reporting 'Sensationalistic'

Congratulations — once again *The Tech* has succeeded in surprising me with the depths to which you will sink for any story to stick in your semi-weekly publication. I refer, of course, to your Mar. 17 story "Librarian Held in Rape." A man is charged — not convicted — with a heinous crime that could destroy a reputation and a life.

It is you who aid in this destruction. In your misguided quest to preserve the right to free speech, you have succeeded in stomping on someone's right to a fair trial, to be deemed innocent until proven guilty. It is this kind of sensationalistic reporting that prevents *The Tech* from being viewed as a

paper with any sort of journalistic integrity. I hope you are proud of yourselves.

Andrew Gouldstone G

Tech Has 'Distorted' Public Responsibilities

I object, in the strongest possible terms, to the tone and lack of substance put forth under the headline "Librarian Held in Rape."

I object to the grammatical, syntactical and editorial choices which so blatantly display your belief in the guilt of the suspect. One would expect the *Tech's* editor-in-chief to be an experienced journalist, so poor writing can't be blamed. And so you have placed your hack credentials above the principle of innocent until proven guilty. I'll remember that next time I read another self-serving editorial on the essential unfairness of the legal system.

I object to the name and bio of a suspect in an obviously ongoing investigation. And I object, as a writer, to the ugly devolution of the article into an crass exegesis on the alleged scene of the alleged crime. By identifying this person, by his name and by his films and plays, and by doing it with so transparent a belief in his guilt, you have placed him in mortal danger and thus endangered the process of justice.

With the addition of lots of ink on a decidedly unrelated exposition of the nature and use of a UMass bathroom, you have grossly distorted both your responsibilities to the MIT community and the facts of the case. That a bathroom might have "scary old men" and be used for sordid activities is not even tangent to the facts of the case. Tell me, if you're going to get into it, if a rape has ever occurred in that place before? Tell me, further, why I need to know that the accused produced an educational video about homophobia? Tell me why you think I would, or should, make an automatic connection between rape and gay men?

If this person committed this horrible crime he should be punished severely, but not by you. If he did not... are you prepared to spend as much ink on your apology as you have spent on your damnation?

Petr Swedock
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Shirk Your Summer Away

Veena Thomas

Spring break, the long-awaited preview of summer, has ended. Next comes the big question: what are you going to do this summer?

Many adults have idyllic memories of spending summers lying in a hammock with a stack of comic books and a tall glass of lemonade. Did that ever really happen, or has time's soft-focus lens fuzzied the picture? Such relaxing summer vacations seem improbable at best for today's youth. In the many families with two working parents, children get dumped into day care or get shipped off to camp as soon as the school year ends.

Summer camp — the old favorite standby of many a child. Even this has changed over time. An incredible variety of camps exists, offering something for everyone. Sure, kids can still go swimming, kayaking, and make countless friendship bracelets from plastic lanyard. However, they can also learn to become better Christians, make movies, study math, lose weight, and become models, perhaps even at the same camp.

Many universities now offer summer programs for junior high and high school students. Once just the mark of a few elite universities, offering summer programs has become an easy way to make more money during the otherwise slow summer session. The mailboxes of preteens become flooded with unsolicited mailings from colleges offering courses in everything, from archaeology to Greek. Many students take such courses not out of interest, but in an attempt to bolster their college applications. Often those students from wealthy families can afford to take such (usually expensive) courses summer after summer. Sometimes high schools give credits and placements simply for having taken such courses, regardless of performance — in essence, allowing students to buy their way out of required classes, an opportunity not available to those not as well off.

These universities are only feeding off of the latest trend for students to have "productive," educational, worthwhile summers. There's little downtime for kids to simply enjoy themselves, relax, unwind, and enjoy the summer for what it is. There are far too many structured, planned activities. How can children learn to entertain themselves if they are always handed an itinerary of events for the day and never have time to spend alone? These kids are probably the ones who grow up always complaining of being bored and having nothing to do.

What about older preteens? So much for summers of mowing lawns and baby-sitting. Kids these days spend money at an alarming rate. And so, many look for serious jobs as soon as possible to earn serious cash to be blown on clothes, CDs, and other necessities of being a teenager. Yet to some, it doesn't seem to be enough to simply work at a mindless summer job. Says one guide to getting into college, "Thinking of working at McDonald's for the summer? Think again." It goes on to recommend that all high school students take courses over the summer to improve their chances of being accepted to the college of their choice.

Another option, the guide says, is landing an internship to gain more experience. This applies to most of us, as we mail out countless resumes with perfect, dynamic cover letters in hopes of landing that dream summer job.

Only by having excellent summer jobs and padding our resume will we ever amount to anything, we believe. But won't we have plenty of time to join the corporate rat race after graduation?

There's something to be said for mindless summer jobs. Witness Kevin Spacey's character in "American Beauty." After growing unhappy with the rut that has become his life, he tells off his boss and virtually asks to be fired. Remembering how much he enjoyed his job flipping burgers one summer as a teenager, he submits an application to the local burger joint. He winds up with counter duty, and is happier than he has been in years.

So, what are you doing this summer? Do whatever you want to do. Three months is a long time to be stuck in a job that you hate, but which might appear attractive on a resume. Why don't you avoid responsibility? Take a summer off to spend as unproductively as you like. Enjoy life. You won't be able to get away with it when you get older and have a family. It might sound crazy, but remember: you're only young once.

(Not) Making a Case of It

Guest Column
Sarah Ferguson

I have been following with interest and amusement the controversy regarding MIT's admission of discrimination against its female tenured faculty in the Department of Science, discussed in Richard Stone's March 14 *Tech* column, "The Fiction of Social Justice."

Stone speaks as if it were a criminal trial we were discussing — and, from what I can gather, Judith Kleinfeld's critique focuses on the validity of the "study" as a work of science, in the field of sociology. I'm sure it is much more fun to play dress-up, and imagine ourselves embroiled in some grand courtroom drama — but have you ever seen people stand up in small-claims court, expecting the judge to apply the same strict legal criteria in their altogether minor complaint, as would be applied in a murder trial?

We are talking neither of a major criminal case nor of a major sociological study. We are talking of a policy decision that has much of the flavor of a union negotiation. The rules applied in a murder case are not the same as those applied in small-claims court. The rules applied in a major study of heart disease are not the same as those applied in the case of a public policy report. The situations are different, and the standards which are appropriate and useful in one are not necessarily appropriate — or even workable — in another.

Science can afford to wait until the necessary information is available — law cannot. So the rules in a court of law are, in a certain sense, less strict than those applied in science. Still, in major legal cases, a person's life or freedom may be on the line, and so the rules are by no means lax — but in more minor cases, less is at stake. Law therefore has a continuum of rules, each considered appropriate to the particular stakes involved. When it comes to public policy, however, decision-makers simply do the best they can. We give public policy-makers the same leeway and individual choice as we give to the judge in a small claims court. We expect that they will strive to do right, but we ask no more of them than that they make a sincere attempt to examine the issue from all sides, to obtain whatever information is available, and to listen closely to the voice of their conscience.

The Kleinfeld report, challenged on the grounds of inadequate proof in the legal and scientific senses, was never intended as a "study" in the sense that applies to reports published in scientific journals. It was a policy report. Such reports often contain factual information and data obtained in the process of

conducting due diligence. The purpose of presenting the data is not as "proof" of anything, but rather is intended to illustrate how, and on what basis, the policy makers came to make the decision that they made.

One thing that distinguishes the process of policy decision-making from the scientific process is that policy decisions often are made — of necessity — in the absence of the kind of information that would be necessary to "prove" a situation to be one thing or another. Nor would it make sense for public policy to be subject to the same innocent-until-proven-guilty constraint that applies in a court of law. Thus, public policy decisions, as a rule, are made in a predictive sense, and almost always on the basis of information that is not at all sufficient to guarantee that the decision will necessarily turn out, in the end, to have been the wisest.

In an earlier article, the issue was raised, as it is again here, that those who brought the complaint, and who testified, stood to gain personally from the decision that was made. In addition, Stone implied that the motivation of the administrators involved was also questionable — MIT might be pandering to the female faculty. This is a very serious accusation — far more serious than the accusation of mere discrimination. It accuses the MIT administration of abuses of the sort that constitute outright corruption. And yet, this accusation was made without any attempt whatsoever, other than innuendo, to back it up.

When the MIT women faculty felt they were being discriminated against, they did not merely insinuate that there was a problem — and trust that the winds now generally in favor of feminism would carry the day. They took the time and effort to diligently gather evidence in support of their position.

Maybe some people think a better job of this could have been done — or that the results should have been made public, even if it meant printing every faculty member's salary and space allotment for all to see and publicly critique. Though, if anyone has motivation to keep these personal matters private, it is those who stand to lose the if the matter were discussed openly — and such a person would not likely raise the issue as the women faculty did. Thus, it may well be a kindness of the women faculty that they have not insisted on a full disclosure of just who it was who was hogging the space that they felt should rightly be shared more equally.

Nevertheless, the attempt was made to actually explore what was the case — rather than simply flinging mud. Furthermore, why are we so upset when a group that MIT has in

fact explicitly stated it wishes to recruit makes a request for improvement in working conditions? If one has issue with the notion that it should be necessary or desirable to recruit women faculty in the first place, then that is the argument that one should address. To target the present issue instead is to beat around the bush.

MIT's women faculty were unhappy, and they, collectively, "asked for a raise" — and MIT decided to grant it to them. This is hardly behavior of questionable ethics. Such negotiations happen all the time, both on an individual and collective (i.e., union) level. Indeed, one may well surmise that if there is a salary inequity (as many suppose), and if men really are more "pushy" and demanding, when it comes to salary raises and other perks — then "discrimination" might well come about merely because women don't ask for all of these "special" treatments.

That MIT would decide, in addition, to make public apology for having permitted such a situation to arise in the first place — a situation in which its women faculty were unhappy enough to protest, *en masse*, their treatment — shows, I feel, a great deal of dignity. It is MIT's bravery in the face, not only of nay-sayers like Judith Kleinfeld and Richard Stone, but also in the face of those within the feminist movement, who could well make hay out of such an admission on MIT's part, that makes me proud to be an alumna. And MIT has a long history of such actions, on behalf of a many issues of importance, of which this presently under discussion is only one.

MIT has a reputation for being unafraid to speak its truth — even when such truth is an apology for wrongs it feels it has done. There are not many large institutions of which that could be said. If those who disapprove of the MIT administration's choice are willing to work diligently, and to attempt to grouse out something — anything — in support of the contention that the decision really was unfair, or that the process leading up to it really did involve corruption, I'm all for it.

But if you don't have evidence, (Judith Kleinfeld included), and you're not willing to do the groundwork to back your insinuations then just shut up, lest others begin to question your motivations in pressing the matter. Making lots of noise and prancing about as if you were talking about a serious criminal case, or a major scientific study — when in fact all you are talking about is that MIT has decided that it is sad that its women faculty are unhappy and wants to provide redress for this unfortunate situation — only makes you look foolish.

Sarah Ferguson is a member of the Class of 1985.

Lessons from the Picket Line

Guest Column
Mike Garrison

MIT has a way of shortening your horizons in both space and time. It's hard to give much relevance to anything that will take place after Friday morning when you know you will be pulling an all-nighter Thursday night. But this is the time of year when some of you are wondering where you might be a year from now. Still here? At grad school? Running your own business? Maybe working for someone else. But because you will be MIT grads, at least you know you won't be standing out on the street corner in the rain, holding a union picket sign.

Well, that's what I thought too. I'm a Course XVI grad from 1988, and I was on strike from Boeing between February 9th and March 20th.

One of my friends recently referred to this as "a professional wake-up call." Perhaps you have to get the call yourself in order to really understand it, but maybe I can translate for you. When you walk out of MIT, you tend to think the rest of the world will be something like it is here. Sure there will be hard work, but there will also be fun challenges and plenty of growth. And most of all, the people around you will respect what you can do. The bonus comes when people actually pay you to do what you have been paying MIT to do. Why? Because you are a valuable asset. And your MIT degree makes you even more valuable.

Well... sometimes. As Dilbert learns every day, you and your skills are not always as valued as they are valuable. The pointy-haired bosses of the world will tend to see you as a cost, not an asset. Once you get away from MIT, the respect you have come to expect can be won or lost, but is never simply automatic. So it is up to you to remember who really gets to define your worth: you. If life gives you

everything you ever wanted, great. But if not, you have to work for it. Make sure that you define the terms in which you and your value is discussed.

And, just maybe, do your part for MIT as well. The great value of your degree comes because people respect you and what you can do. When you let yourself be sold short, it doesn't help any of the rest of us either. Which brings me to the second great lesson of this strike — working with other people encompasses a lot more than just teamwork. Whether you start a little three-person partnership or join a multi-national, you will find that your career does not depend on you alone. Others can give you a boost or pull you down, sometimes without knowing or caring.

Even if you work for yourself, your success rides on your customers, suppliers, competitors, and employees. But these people are generally out of your control. You can't make all their choices for them. You can only make your own decisions and see what happens. So how do you influence others into making the decisions that favor you? The traditional method of engineers has been to be so useful that other people want to keep you around. The ultimate weapon for an engineer is simply to walk away.

Unfortunately, that means giving up all the good relationships along with the bad. If you have a great team assembled, it's costly to tear it apart just because someone else doesn't want to use it effectively.

Boeing has been bleeding good people for years. The luckiest have jumped into Seattle's high-tech market and joined the ranks of the fabulously wealthy. Others have gone back to school, or decided that being a rock-climbing bum is a heck of a lot more fun than coding. But a lot of great engineers have stayed anyway, either because they like the job or because they don't want to have to uproot themselves.

Those of us who are left finally decided to

make a last stab at saving our team (and perhaps our company). We forced our union to take us out on strike, and now that it is over we hope to force our company to respect our value and use our team wisely. And even though I never took a class on labor negotiations while I was at MIT, it was my experience here that gave me the strength to make this fight. The respect I learned for myself, my talents, and the bright people all around me is the core issue of this struggle.

In many ways, I now think of my fellow employees more like I thought of my classmates at MIT. We've been through something together now — we've shown we can trust each other. We have earned the respect of our peers, and I realize that it no longer matters what management thinks of us.

Wherever you end up going, your self-respect is the basic strength you will have too. Don't give up on it and don't trade it away. Remember who you are and where you came from, and you can prosper.

Mike Garrison, a noise control engineer for Boeing, is a member of the Class of 1988.

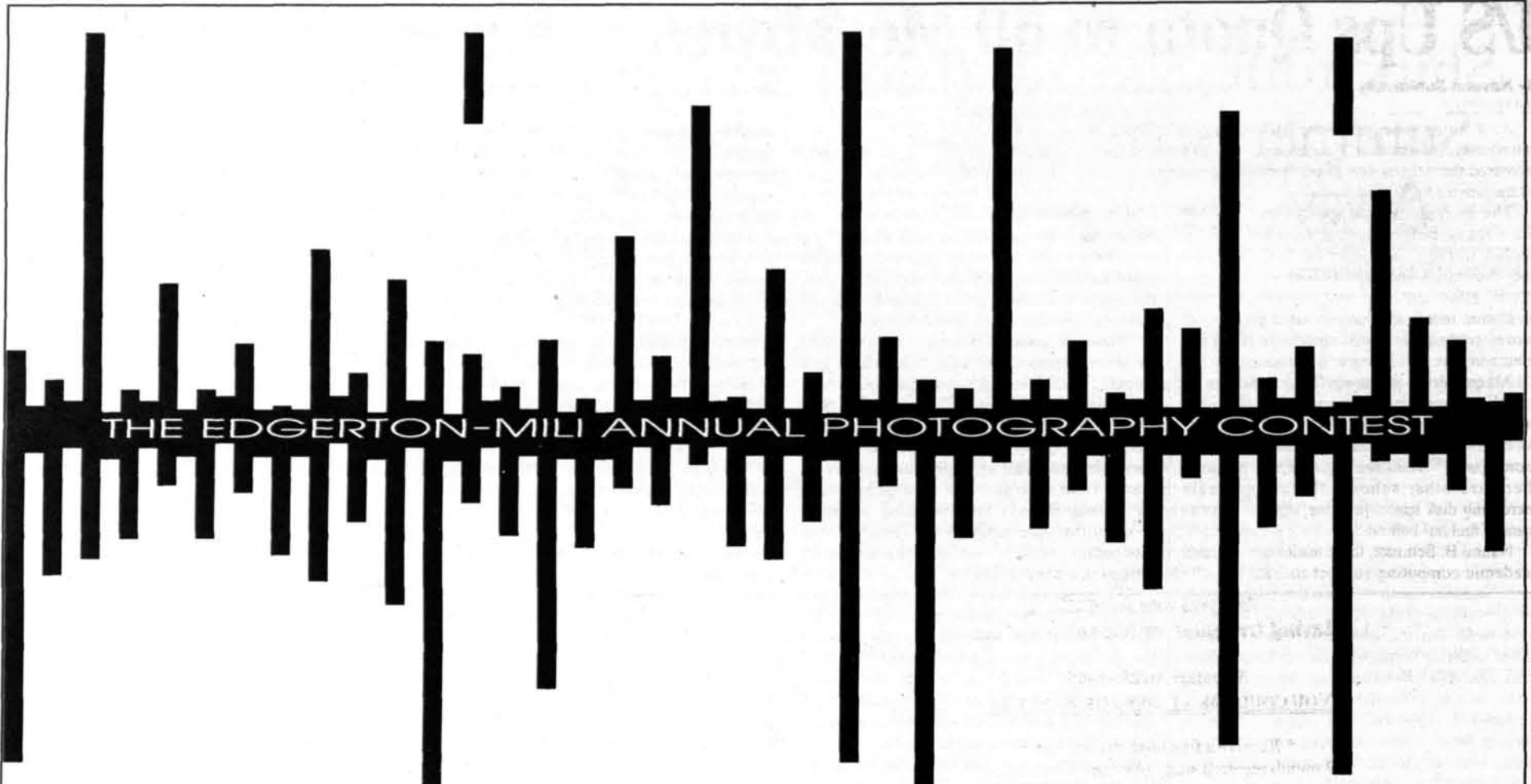
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I/S Ups Quota to 50 Megabytes

By Naveen Sunkavally
NEWS DIRECTOR

As a spring time gift to the MIT community, Information Systems has increased the Athena disk quota from 30 megabytes to 50 megabytes.

The increase, which took place the Friday before spring break, applies to the disk quotas for both user directories and activity lockers. It will allow users to write larger files, store more pictures and use the more technical software, said Jonathon Weiss '93, team leader for I/S Athena server operations.

"We increase quotas periodically when we have enough space to do so. As time goes on, applications require more space," Weiss said. "Certainly, there are other schools that are increasing disk space, [and we] don't want to feel left behind."

Naomi B. Schmidt, team leader of academic computing support in I/S,

said that switching to larger file servers and using RAID (redundant array of independent disks) technology to provide fault tolerance allowed the increase in quota.

I/S plans summer upgrades

The Athena disk quota refers to the maximum amount of data that users can store in their home directories. When users reach their quotas, they are not allowed to store additional data into their home directory until their usage drops below the quota.

Over the course of the last four years, I/S has doubled the quota increase each year. In 1997, the disk quota was raised from 12.5 megabytes to 15 megabytes. The quota rose to 20 megabytes in 1998, and I/S increased the quota to 30 megabytes last year.

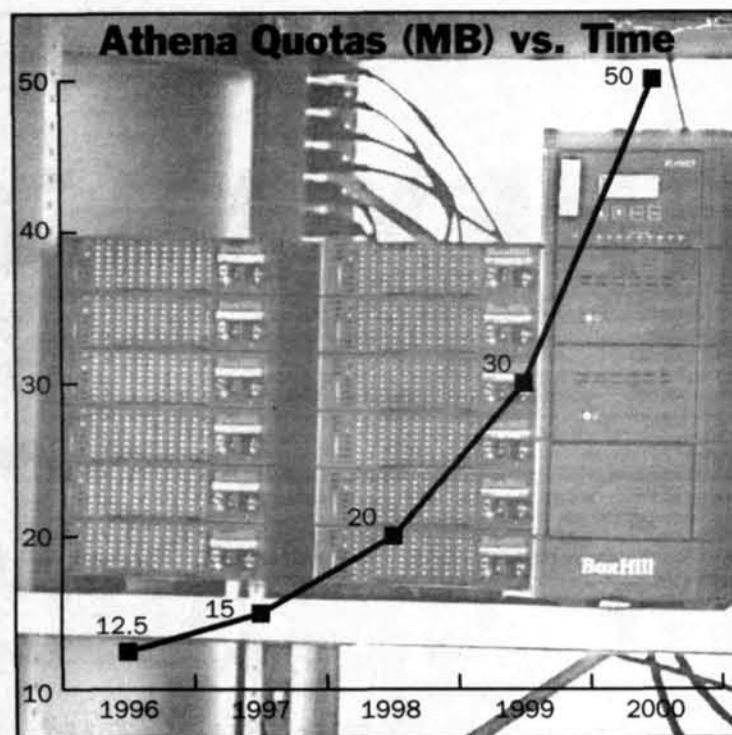
"Disk prices are always getting

cheaper, we try to grow as much as we can. Over the last eighteen months we have been able to grow the Athena cell a lot," Weiss said.

Athena users' home directories are managed by the Andrew File System, a network file system developed at Carnegie Mellon University. The AFS servers dedicated to Athena, known as the Athena cell, now encompass more than 700 gigabytes of storage.

For the summer, Schmidt said that I/S plans to increase the number of Linux machines. Ten Linux machines were added to the W20 cluster over Independent Activities Period in order to test the viability of Linux Athena machines.

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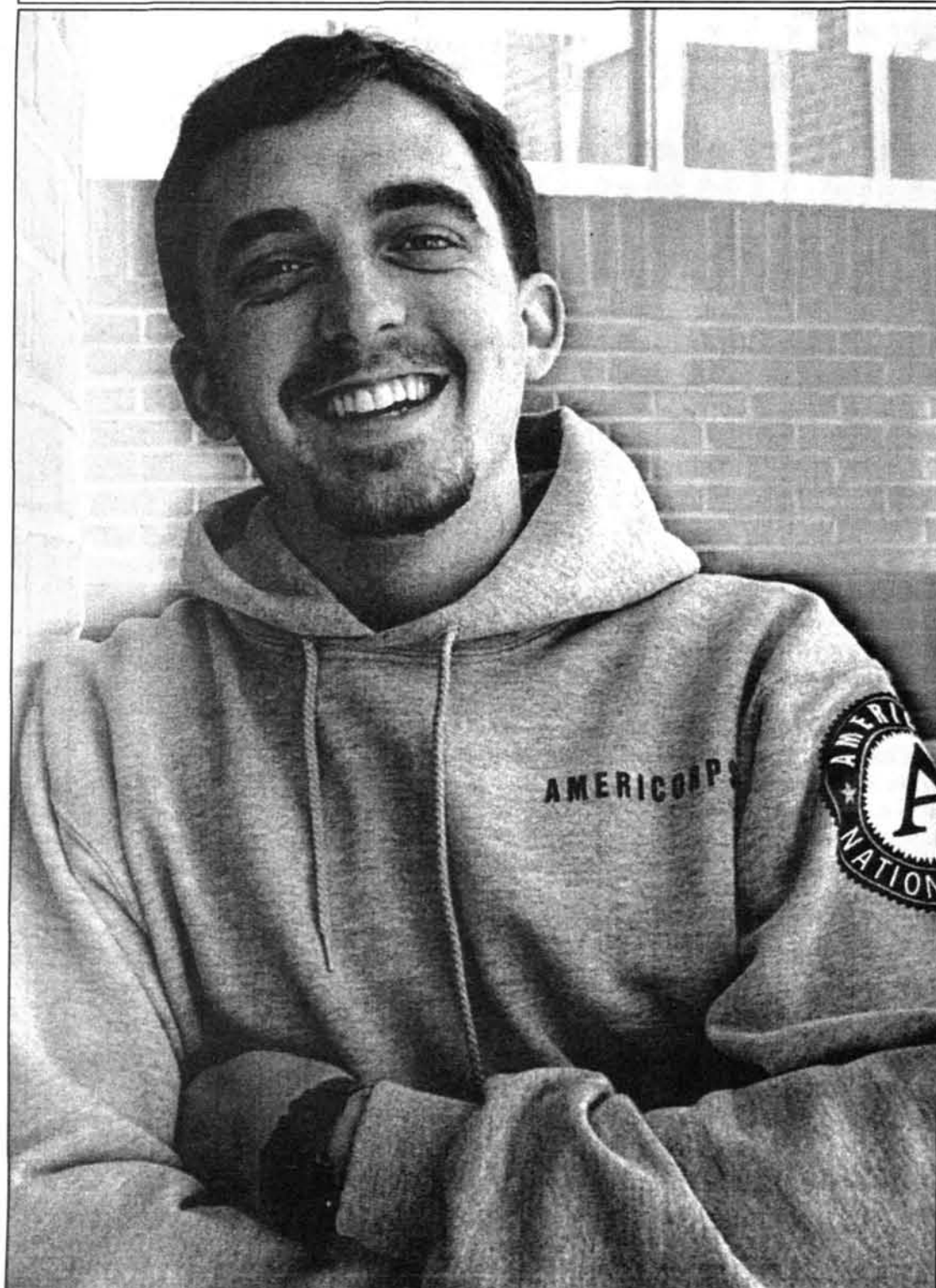
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GREG KUHNEN—THE TECH

By Naveen Sunkavally
NEWS DIRECTOR

About 3,000 activists packed Copley Square on Sunday afternoon and marched to the Hynes Convention Center to protest a prominent, week-long biotechnology conference being held there.

The protest, the culmination of a weekend counter-conference called Biodevastation 2000, sought to raise awareness of the dangers of genetic engineering, corporate control, and the lack of government regulation and oversight.

Anton F. Van Der Ven, an MIT graduate student in Material Sciences and Engineering who was at the protest, echoed the sentiments of many of the protesters at the rally. "The biotech and agrochemical industries are trying to control the food supply and patent seeds that can withstand herbicide," he said. "The control is central to corporations, and there is no public debate, and there are no regulatory agencies. It's totally irreversible."

Police at the scene were generally pleased with the outcome of the protest. "Nothing's

jumping. The big one is the IMF protest on April 16," said Officer James Cowart of the Boston Police Department, referring to the conference of the International Monetary Fund in Washington.

Speakers and sideshows

Protesters began to assemble at Copley Square around 12:00 p.m. Activists spoke from then until 3:30 p.m., focusing on such topics as stricter regulation, an end to the commercialization of genetically engineered products, and the World Trade Organization protest in Seattle.

"The [Food and Drug Administration] is in the backpocket of corporations," said Jonathan from Maine, who did wish to be identified by his last name. "There's no testing. Corporations are tampering with the food supply." He became involved in the protest through his participation in the Green Party.

"Our ecosystem is fragile," said David Whitesell, a lifelong activist, who carried a sign reading "No Patents on Life." He fears

that evolution now is happening over the course of decades.

Speakers would pause every fifteen minutes to allow the presentation of sideshows caricaturing corporate control of genetically modified food. A popular target of the sideshows was Monsanto Company, which produces bioengineered foods and is notorious among the activist community for its practices.

In one sideshow, for instance, contestants play in the "Splice is Right." The host, meant to personify the FDA, and a contestant, "Joe Monsanto," collaborate to rig the show and emerge victorious over an Indian organic farmer named Rajiva and Bessie the cow.

In another sideshow, Terminator Tech and Biodiversity U face off in a basketball tournament. Terminator Tech scores all the points at first because of the obvious advantage that their stilts give them, but the power of the people eventually prevails and Biodiversity U wins the game.

In addition to the sideshows and speakers,

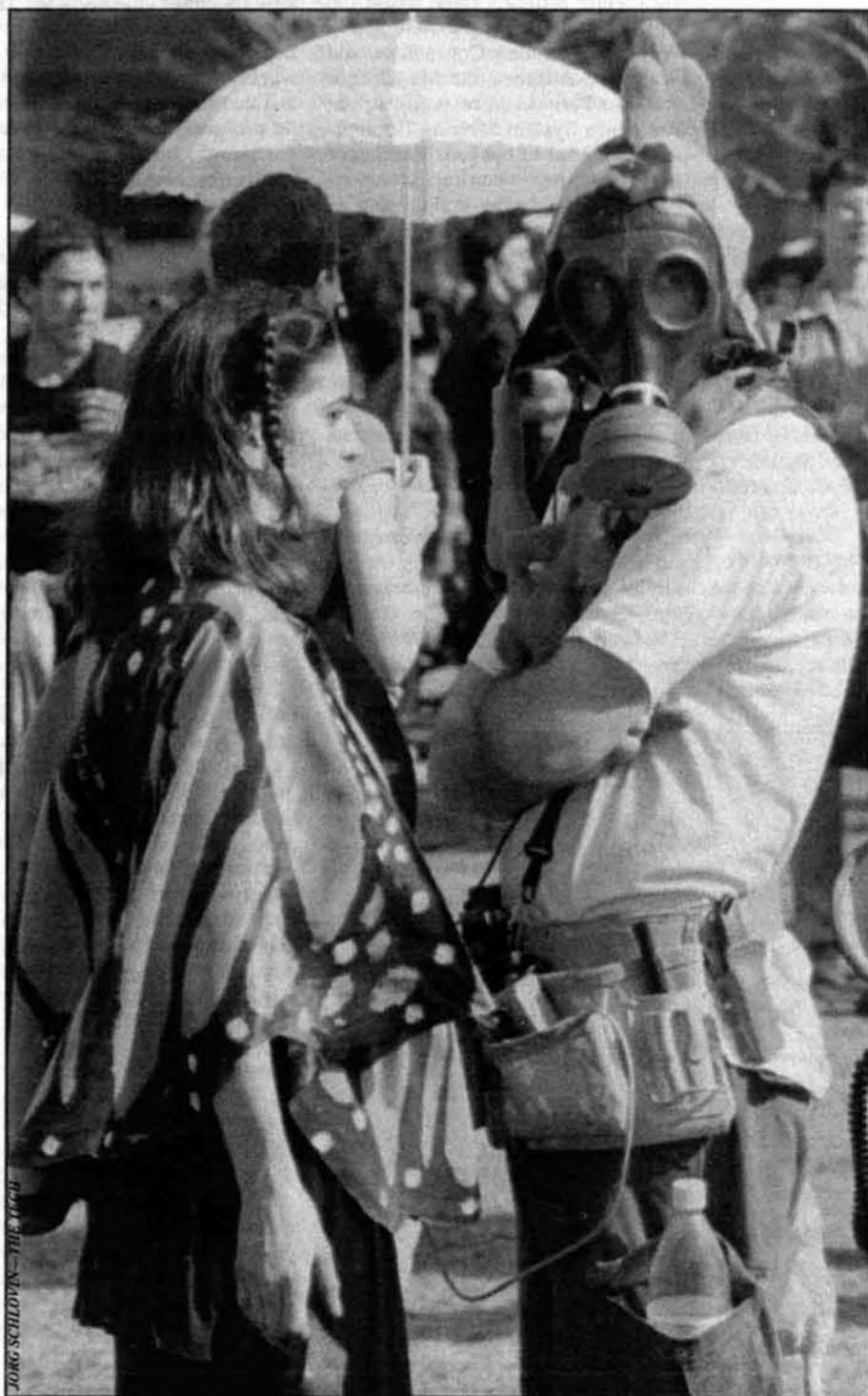
another attraction at the rally was an African-style dance in which protesters danced to the sounds of various drums and improvised percussion instruments.

The march to Hynes

At around 3:30 p.m., protesters made their move to the Hynes Convention Center. A bus and a man playing Uncle Sam on very tall stilts led the procession. Popular rally cries included: "What do we want? Safe Food. When do we want it? Now" and "Brick by brick, wall by wall, biotech has got to fall."

Once at the convention center, protesters began to yell at participants in the biotechnology conference, who were looking down through windows above. On one occasion, the crowd rallied around "Shame on you," led by a protester who was standing on top of the bus with a microphone.

Over time, however, the rally began to lose its focus as some activists started rallying for the cause of Mumia Abu-Jamal. Around 5 p.m., the protesters began to disperse quietly.



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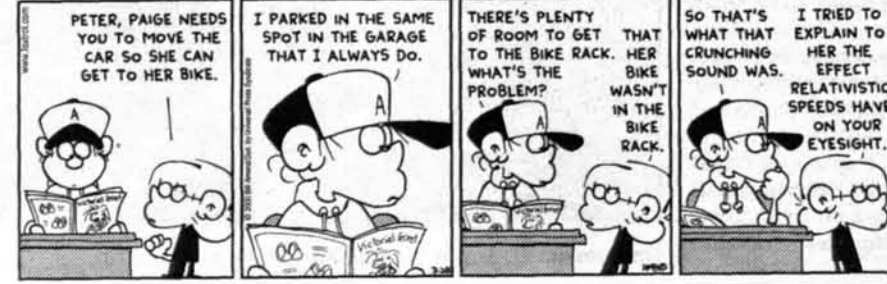
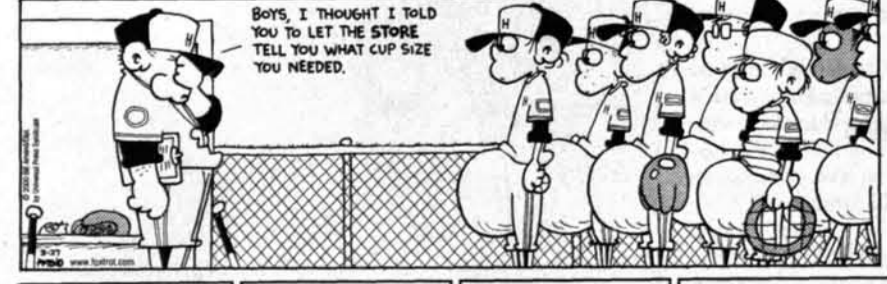
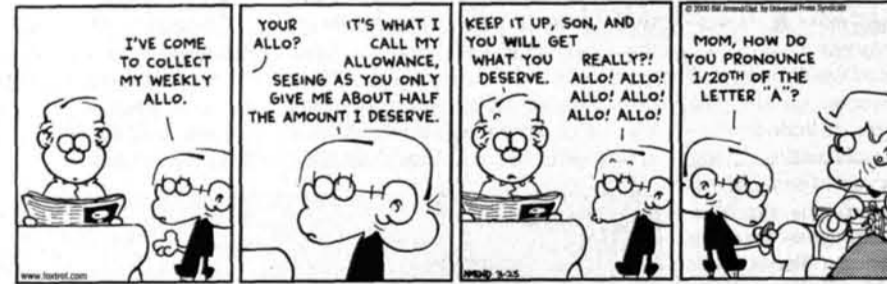
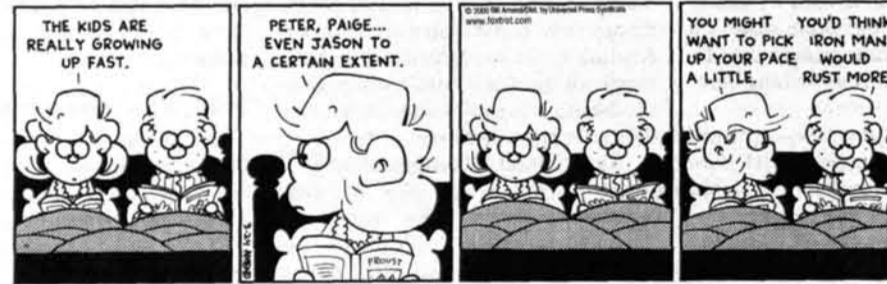
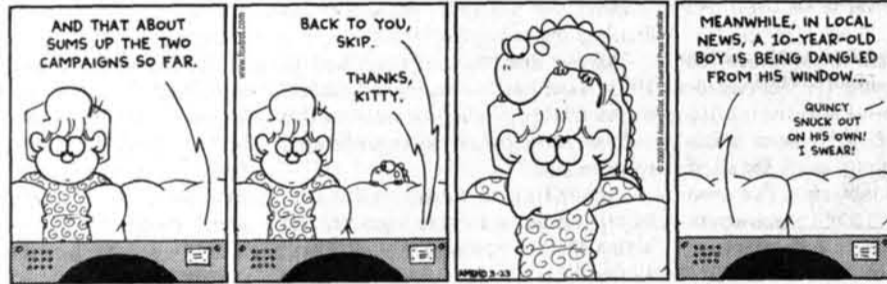
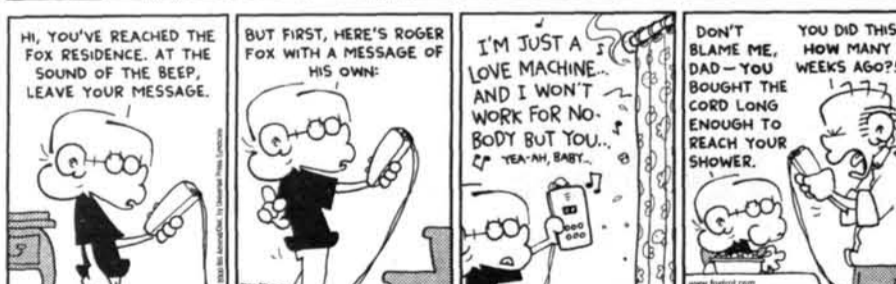
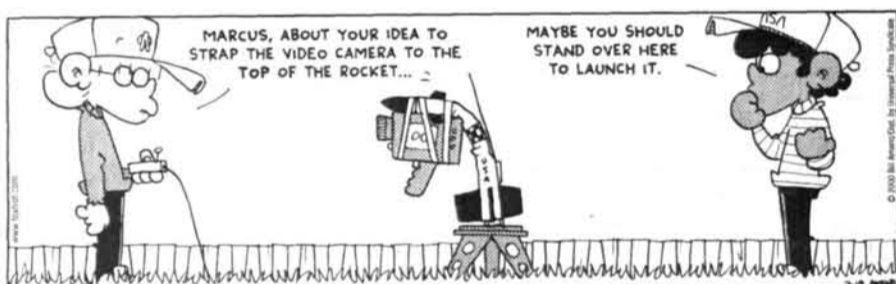
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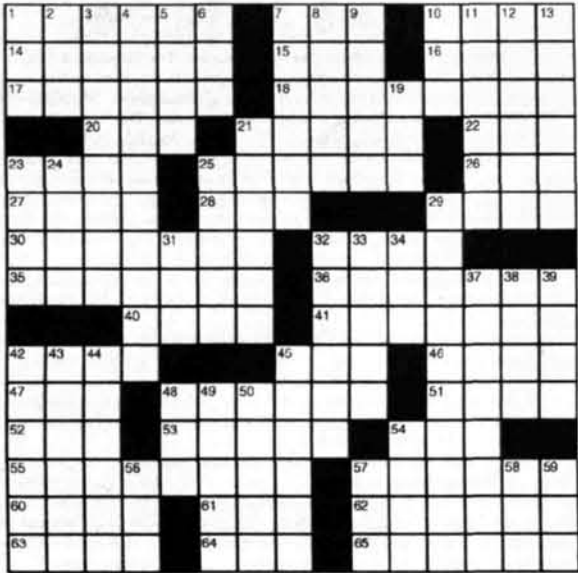
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 - 42 Valuable stones
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 - 46 Lay eyes on
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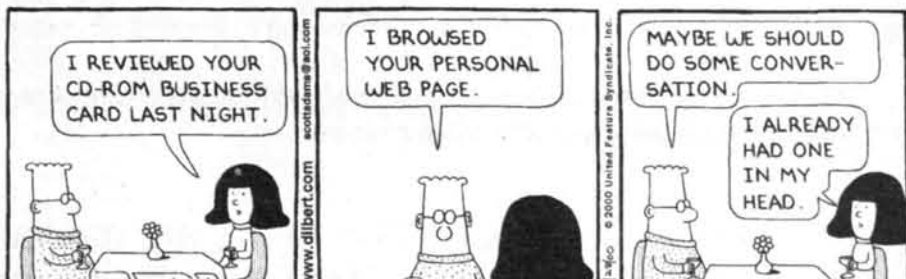
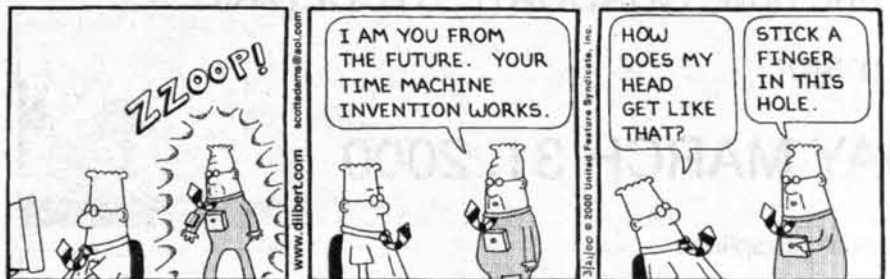
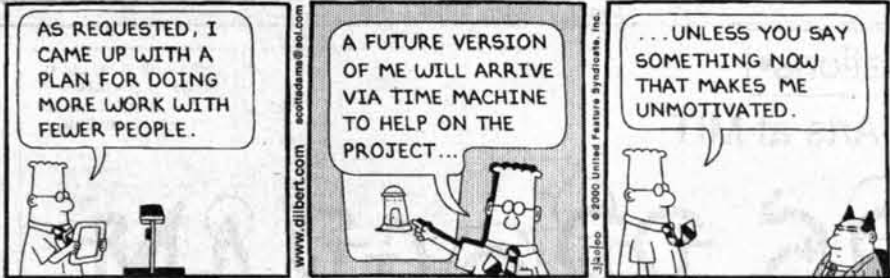
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- 58 "Road to _"
- 59 Silly billy

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- Tuesday's Events

12:00 p.m. – **2000 MIT Artists Behind the Desk Concert. The Silverwood Trio.** Cindy Woolley (flute, technical asst, Biology); Walter Halvorsen (cello) & Paul Hoffman (pianist/composer). Trios by Mozart, Clara Schumann & "Ostinatigty," an original composition by Paul Hoffman. Admission 0. Killian Hall. Sponsor: Office of the Arts.

12:00 p.m. – **Using Values in Raising Children, Harriet Heath, The Parent Center, Bryn Mawr College.** Open. More info: Call Family Resource Center at 253-1592. Email frc@mit.edu. Web: <http://web.mit.edu/personnel/www/frc/>. Rm 16-151.

12:00 p.m. – **Single Molecule Raman Spectroscopy: From Fiction to Fact, Katrin Kneipp, Technical University Berlin.** Refreshments served following the seminar. Please see web.mit.edu/spectroscopy/www for more detail. Open. More info: Call Alison Hearn at 253-4881. Email hearn@mit.edu. Web: <http://web.mit.edu/spectroscopy/www/>. Rm 37-252.

2:30 p.m. – **Swimming in the Soap Film - Dynamic Boundaries Interact with Fluid, Dr. Jun Zhang, New York University – Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences.** Refreshments will be served at 3:45 PM in Room 2-349. Open. More info: Call Professor John Bush at 253-4387. Email bush@math.mit.edu. Rm 2-338.

4:00 p.m. – **Single-Molecule Experiments in Polymer Physics and Biophysics, Dr. Douglas Smith, Depts. of Physics & Molecular & Cellular Biology, UC Berkeley.** Refreshments. Open. More info: Call Donna Wilker at 253-2021. Email dwilker@mit.edu. Rm 5-234.

4:00 p.m. – **An Introduction to Turbo Codes: The Quintessential Channel Coding Technique, Jack Keil Wolf, University of California, San Diego.** A short reception will follow in the Osborne Room (35-338). Open. More info: Call soosan beheshti at 253-2832. Email soosan@mit.edu. Rm 35-415.

4:00 p.m. – **Managing the Interconnect Continuum...from SI to Package to Board, Bill Siu, Intel Corporation.** Refreshments in Room 34-101 at 3:30 p.m. Open. More info: Call Debroah Hodges-Pabon at 253-5264. Email debb@mtl.mit.edu. Web: <http://www.mtl.mit.edu/>. Rm 34-101.

4:30 p.m. – **Immigration and National Security: The INS Perspective on Cuban Migration, 1994-2000, Dan Vara, District Counsel for the Miami District of the INS.** A session of the Inter-University Seminar on International Migration. Open. More info: Call Jessica Wattman at 253-1288. Email jwattman@mit.edu. Rm E38-714.

4:30 p.m. – **New Wine or Old Wine in Taiwan's Bottle? Impacts of the Recent Presidential Elections, Alan Wachman, Tufts, The Fletcher School.** MIT Press Bookstore Bldg-6th Floor conf. room WTO Panel-5pm-E25-111. Open. More info: Call Robin Macdonald at 258-7331. Email robinmac@mit.edu. Web: <http://www-japan.mit.edu/mitjapanprogram/News/index.html>. Rm E38-6F Conf. Rm.

6:30 p.m. – **The Art of Bridge Design, Christian Menn, structural engineer, Zurich.** Department of Architecture Third Felix Candela Lecture. Open. More info: Call Dept of Architecture at 253-7791. Rm 10-250.

7:00 p.m. – **The New Overview Effect, Frank White, Harvard University.** Author Frank White discusses the psychological dimensions of space exploration. How does seeing the Earth from space effect one's view of the world and one's self. Open. More info: Email mitseds-officers@mit.edu. Web: <http://www.mit.edu/~mitseds/>. Rm 2-105.
- Thursday's Event

12:00 p.m. – **MIT Chapel Concert: Maureen Horgan, trombone; Thomas Handel, Pezel's Suite de Danses; Holst's Piece Concertante; Telemann's Fantasie in A Minor; Weber's Romance.** Admission 0. MIT Chapel. Sponsor: Office of the Arts.

8:00 p.m. – **"Year of the Quiet Sun".** Directed by Krzysztof Zanussi (1984). Center for Bilingual/Bicultural Studies/International Film Club "Where East Meets West" series. Refreshments provided. Admission 0. Rm 4-237. Sponsor: Office of the Arts.

12:00 p.m. – **Conference: "Generative Approaches to Second Language Acquisition: The Bilingual Brain", Suzanne Flynn, Conference Director, Professor, MIT Foreign Lang & Lit.** March 30-April 1. Co-sponsored by Department of Linguistics. Open. More info: Call Dora Kelle at 253-4771. Web: <http://web.mit.edu/ll/www/news/Conf.html>. University Park Hotel.

12:00 p.m. (1 hour 30 minutes) – **Asian-American Parenting: Balancing the Cultures, Mary Meng Liang Ni, Multicultural Education, College of the Holy Cross.** Open. More info: Call Family Resource Center at 253-1592. Email frc@mit.edu. Web: <http://web.mit.edu/personnel/www/frc/>. Rm 16-151.

12:00 p.m. – **The Method of Zadig: Proof, Fakes and the Problem of Reconstruction in Paleontology, Claudine Cohen, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, FRAN.** NEW DATE: Please let us know if you plan to attend: 253-6989 OR dibner@mit.edu. Open. More info: Call Trudy Kontoff at 253-6989. Email kontoff@mit.edu. Rm E56-100.

12:00 p.m. – **Lutron Electronics - Global Leader in Controlling the, Adam Mandry** March 30, Thurs., 12 noon, E38-7th Flr. Conf. Room, Lunches provided on a first come, first serve basis. This event is free and open to the public. Open. More info: Call Christine Lawrence at 252-1483. Email chriss@mit.edu. Rm E38-700.

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4:00 p.m. – **The Constant-V Vortex and Boundary Layer Parametrization, Alan Fallor, Visiting Professor at MIT.** Open. More info: Call Tieh Yong Koh at 8-6910. Email yong@mit.edu. Web: <http://www.paoc.mit.edu/MASSseries.html>. Rm 54-915.

4:00 p.m. – **Efficient Scheduling of Multiclass Queueing Networks, Professor Jim Dai, School of Industrial and Systems Engineering, Georgia Institute of Tech.** Refreshments to follow in Room E40-106. Open. More info: Call Dessi Pachamanova at 253-7412. Email dessi@mit.edu. Web: <http://web.mit.edu/orc/www>. Rm E40-298.

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4:15 p.m. – **A STUDY OF HOMOGENOUS CHARGE COMPRESSION IGNITION USING A RAPID COMPRESSION MACHINE, Ferran Ayala, Sloan Automotive Lab.** Refreshments at 4:00 p.m. Open. More info: Call Susan Lutin at 253-4529. Email susani@mit.edu. Web: <http://engine.mit.edu>. Rm 31-161.
- Wednesday's Events

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. – **Compton Gallery Talk.** Susan Gamble and Michael Weryon discuss their exhibit, "Observing the Observers," on view Feb 18-May 6. Admission 0. Compton Gallery. Sponsor: Office of the Arts.

3:00 p.m. – **spouses&partners@mit weekly meeting.** Sushi-Making: Learn different sushi making techniques from spouses&partners@mit members. Meet in the Bush Room (10-105). Childcare provided. Admission 0. 10-105. Sponsor: spouses&partners@mit.

5:00 - 7:00 p.m. – **"Geometric Allergories" Opening Reception.** Exhibit of monoprints by Amy Kaufman on view March 29-May 3. Admission 0. Rm E52-466. Sponsor: Office of the Arts.

11:00 a.m. – **Polarization Mode Dispersion in Optical Transmission Systems, Lynn Nelson, Lucent Technologies, Bell Laboratories.** On March 1, on this Date only, Lecture will be held in 36-428 (RLE Conference Room). Open. More info: Call Erich Ippen at 253-8504. Email ippen@mit.edu. Rm 34-Grier Room B, 34-401.

12:00 p.m. – **Is History Repeating Itself in Contemporary Japan?, David Asher, Research Fellow, MIT Japan Program.** Bag lunch; refreshments will be provided. Open. More info: Call Lynne Levine at 253-0133. Email llevine@mit.edu. Web: <http://web.mit.edu/ssp/>. Rm E38-615.

12:10 p.m. – **A float is a float, is a float, is a float, or is it?, Olaf Boebel, URI.** Open. More info: Call Markus Jochum at 3-2922. Email mjochum@mit.edu. Web: <http://www.mit.edu/~mjochum/sack.html>. Rm 54-915.

3:00 p.m. – **Long Duration Space Flight, Dr. David Wolf, NASA Astronaut.** 3:00 to 4:00pm: Lecture - open to all interested. 4:00 to 5:00pm: Discussion - open to registered students only. Location for Annual Public Lecture to be announced soon. Open. More info: Call Helen Halaris at 258-5546. Email halaris@mit.edu. Web: <http://web.mit.edu/masgc/www/phase1.html>. Rm 37-212.

4:00 p.m. – **Deep Computing: Proteins, Petaflops and Algorithms, Dr. William R. Pulleyblank, IBM Thomas J. Watson Research Center.** All programs begin with a reception at 3:30 p.m. Open. More info: Call Prof. Anthony T. Patera at 253-8122. Email patera@mit.edu. Web: <http://web.mit.edu/sma>. Rm 4-237.

4:15 p.m. – **On 2-Connected Subgraphs., Adrian Vetta, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.** Refreshments will be served at 3:30 PM in Room 2-349. Open. More info: Call Michael Kleber at 253-7905. Email kleber@math.mit.edu. Web: <http://www-math.mit.edu/~combin>. Rm 2-338.
- Friday's Events

10:00 a.m. – **Being John Malkovich.** An out of work puppeteer goes to work at an odd office in New York and discovers that his office has an even odder feature - a portal into the brain of actor John Malkovich. Admission 2.5. 26-100. Sponsor: LSC.

12:10 p.m. – **GABLES Monthly Lunch.** A social get-together of the MIT Gay, Bisexual, and Lesbian Employees and Supporters group. Contact David Fitzgerald at 258-0235 or dfitz@mit.edu for more information about this month's lunch. To be announced. Sponsor: GABLES.

5:00 p.m. – **AMP (Advanced Music Placement) Student Recital. Rachel Levinson '01, violin.** Svetlana Shnitser (G), piano, Beethoven's Sonata for Violin and Piano, Op. 12 No. 1; Ravel's Tzigane; Massenet's "Meditation" from ThaOs; Bartok's Romanian Dances. Admission 0. Killian Hall. Sponsor: Office of the Arts.

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7:00 p.m. – **MIT Anime Showing.** 4 episodes of our primary series: Nadia; 2 episodes of our secondary series: Serial Experiments Lain; feature anime: TBA. Up-to-date schedules at <http://web.mit.edu/anime/www/mitanime.html>. Admission 0. E51-345. Sponsor: Anime Club, MIT.

7:30 p.m. – **Bombay Boys.** Asian Film Series: India Three "hyphenated Indians" meet shortly after arriving in Bombay. They come to Bombay to rediscover their Indian roots but are met by the Bombay underground. (Comedy). Admission 2.5. 10-250. Sponsor: LSC.

3:00 p.m. – **Artificial Internal Organs: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow, Clark K. Colton, MIT, Dept of Chemical Engineering.** Reception held before seminars at 2:45 p.m. Open. More info: Call Arline Benford at 258-7031. Email arline@mit.edu. Web: <http://web.mit.edu/cheme/www/>. Rm 66-110.

4:00 p.m. – **Structural Health Monitoring & Condition Assessment Using Quasistatic Electromagnetic Sensor Arrays, Dr. Neil Goldfine, Jentek Sensors.** Refreshment at 3:30. Open. More info: Rm 1-350.

9:30 p.m. – **Director of Bombay Boys, Kaizad Gustad, Independent Film Director.** Kaizad Gustad will hold a Q/A session after LSC's showing of his film Bombay Boys. The session will begin after the film (approximatey 9:30pm) in 10-250. Open. More info: Call Bennett Landman, LSC Classics Director at 253-8759. Rm 10-250.

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Mess Due to Neglect, KS Says

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alarm when some material from the fire extinguisher accidentally entered the smoke detector. Peikert would not comment on why the extinguisher was fired.

Kappa Sig Vice President Cameron A. Wheeler '02 said that the brothers did not intentionally create the mess, which was discovered around the traditional beginning of work week at most MIT fraternities.

"Usually, we have scheduled cleanups, but we don't have that during IAP," said Wheeler. "It's basically a dirty house because of neglect."

Wheeler also criticized the Commission for giving Kappa Sig "the short end of the stick on lots of these issues."

"To tell you the truth, it seems like fairness isn't the game when

dealing with the Licensing Commission," Wheeler said.

Peikert and at least one other house officer will attend tomorrow night's hearing.

Incident compounds old problems

Kappa Sig's newest troubles come just three weeks after the CLC handed down a 30-day suspension after a guest was hospitalized after becoming intoxicated at a house party.

The Commission was aware of the most recent incident at the time of Kappa Sig's last appearance before the board but it did not factor it into their decision to suspend the fraternity's housing license for thirty days including rush, Scali said.

At that last meeting, the Commission nearly revoked Kappa Sig's license. The Commission cited, among other factors, the fraternity's history of violations in considering

revocation. An eleventh-hour proposal by the fraternity convinced the board to suspend rather than revoke the license.

Sarah E. Gallop, co-director of MIT's office of government relations, said that the newest Kappa Sig incident is serious "because it involves a fire alarm." Gallop, who acts as a liaison between fraternities and the Commission in these matters, noted that the deputy fire chief sits on the Commission making "fire safety concerns ... paramount for the Commission."

Theta Delta Chi was also scheduled to appear before the Commission this evening to respond to Cambridge Fire's discovery of a fire alarm that was disconnected, then reconnected illegally. The hearing was postponed to April 11, though, because TDC's attorney is unable to attend tonight. This will be TDC's second appearance before the Commission.

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Friends Saw No Problems

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A *Boston Globe* report incorrectly described Millard as "a 25-year-old MIT student" and stated, also incorrectly, that he had fallen from the roof of the Burton-Conner dormitory, which is next to PBE's house.

A memorial service was held for Millard in MIT's chapel yesterday at 5 p.m. The chapel was filled with PBE brothers and other friends of Millard who came to pay their respects and to share anecdotes about his life.

Millard is survived by his mother, father, and a sister.

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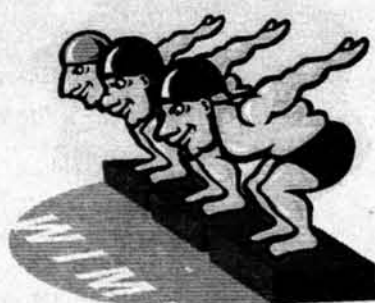
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